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This is to notify the appellant that the Appeal Brief filed on August 22, 2003 is defective because Appeal Brief is not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.192 (c)(1), now 41-37 (c) (1), since the following required headings including (5) –(8), is missing (that is: (5) Summary of the invention, (6) Issues, (7) Grouping of claims, (8) Argument). Since Appellant filed his Appeal Brief prior to September 2004, Appellant has the choice of filing an amended Appeal Brief that complies with 37 CFR 1.192 or 37 CFR 41-37 (c)(1).

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